

REMARKS

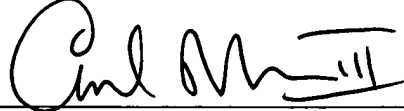
Reconsideration and allowance of the current application is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-20, 26-54, 58-65, and 67-77 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stephens, Scott in view of Oota. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, in order to expedite the allowance of the current application, applicant adds new claims 79-99, based on the claims in related patent U.S. Pat. No. 7,206,751 are submitted herein. Such claims are supported by, inter alia, in FIGS. 3-5 of the specification, and are computer program product, computer system, and means-plus-function variations of the claims in the '751 patent. It is respectfully submitted that the claims presented herein are allowable, for at least the reasons stated in connection with the allowance of the claims in the '751 patent.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed.

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. No fee is believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 34874-268.

Respectfully submitted,



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